



RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

March 03, 2015

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor –Conference Center

Members Present:

Paul Hebron, Jerri Everett, Jaris English, Mitch Shepherd, Bill Huls, Ben Andrews and Evelyn Reingold **Excused Absence:** Marsha Rollinger

Staff Present: Elizabeth Higgins, RMAC Staff Liaison, John Collum, Department of Community and Economic Development, and Todd Black, Community Services Department, Parks Planning and Natural Resources Division, Landscape Architect.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by RMAC Co-Chair, Paul Hebron at 4:35 pm.

Introduction of Guests: and Dri Ralph, Facilities Design Coordinator for KCLS and Maaik Post, Hull Architects.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 3, 2015 RMAC meeting were read and accepted as submitted. (MSC) Mitch/Bill

New Business:

- **RMAC 2015 Budget from City of Renton** – The allocation is \$2,900. (Same as 2014)
- **4Culture 2015-16 Grant** – It is expected that the same amount of \$11,000 for each of the 2 years will be awarded. Official notification is pending. There needs to be some discussion regarding if the RMAC wants to continue to use the full 4Culture grant for awards to Renton arts organizations. An option would be to fund some RMAC projects such as PAR, Film Frenzy, or the TBD Galvanizing Art project. Will be retreat topic.

Old Business:

- **Downtown Public Library Art Relocation** – Images of the plan to move the “Stilt Walker” sculpture near the front door of the new library entrance were presented. This is in close proximity to “Homework Comes First” sculpture. Jaris, Jerri and Mitch to meet to discuss proposal and other options. Elizabeth will consult with Benson Shaw for his public art opinion.
- **New Applications for “Make Art Happen” Grants - 1)** to promote documentary film featuring Renton’s Duwamish Tribe with photo licensing and technicians for post-production. **2)** PTSA for “Reflections Art Program”. RMAC action on the two grant applications will be tabled until the next meeting.
- **“Emerging” Relocation Update** – Repairs by ArtTech is complete and installation date is TBD.

- **Committee Reports:**

- **New Commissioners** – Seven applicants seem to be viable candidates. Elizabeth will set in interview schedule with available commissioners before our next RMAC meeting. No Youth has applied. Elizabeth will speak with Kim Sweet again for names.
- **Film Frenzy** – The committee is working to keep on track without any funding from the City of Renton. They are attempting to identify other possible funding sources.
- **Community Marketing** – There is \$5000 allocated for murals in downtown Renton from the city. The first installation for the utility box wrap (On Burnett in front of the Bank of America) will be done after the art is selected. Several Renton High School seniors submitted designs for the project. John also mentioned that discussions are on-going with Western Wear for art installations in their empty store windows.
- **Correspondence and announcements:** The correspondence and event folders were circulated for individual review.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- March 6, Fri, 6:00-9:00 pm: “An Eruption of Art in Renton” (Eleven simultaneous art events between Liberty Café and the Seattle Fashion Incubator at S 2nd & Whitworth), sponsored by Arts Unlimited.
- March 6, Fri, 7:00-9:00 pm: Renton HS Multicultural Talent Show, IKEA Performing Arts Center (400 S 2nd St, 425-226-5529)
- March 7, Sat, 8:00 pm: JAMCO Comedy Series presents: Brian Moore at the Renton Civic Theatre, for more information - (www.rentoncivictheatre.org)
- March 10, Tue, 12:30-2:00 pm: SoCoCulture membership meeting, Tukwila Community Center (RSVP info@sococulture.org).
- March 17, Tue: 8:00 am -4:00pm: Film Day in Olympia (HB6027 – Legislation to keep the film industry in WA State, incentives sunset in 2021).
- March 19, Thu, 5:30 – 7:00 pm: “Exploring the Rich Historic Tradition of Cat Videos with the Creator of Henri, Le Chat Noir”, Renton History Museum (235 Mill Ave S.)
- March 21, Sat, 8:00 pm: Northwest Jr Pipe Band 20th Anniversary Concert at the Renton Civic Theatre, for more information - (www.rentoncivictheatre.org)
- March 24 Tue, 6:30-8:00 pm: Allied Arts of Renton monthly meeting – Luther’s Table (419 S. Second St)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Evelyn Reingold,
RMAC Secretary

Paul Hebron,
RMAC Co-President